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FROM DR. PARKHURST

SIR,—I am interested in Mr. Cobb's criticism of Mr. Steinhardt's theory of international law as it appears in a recent issue of the REVIEW. The latter denies the existence of such law; the former is certainly correct in affirming it. I submit that, even so, Mr. Cobb has not fathomed the truth to its ultimate by claiming that law is the product of organized consciousness. Law is no product. It is original, un-made, unbegotten. What the organized consciousness does is to produce not law but an interpretation of law, an interpretation which may or may not be coincident with law—probably not, but only approximately so, and more and more so as the popular understanding becomes increasingly clarified mentally and morally.

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AGAIN, VIVE LA FRANCE!

SIR,—On page 23 of the July number of the NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW is published Dr. Holmes' poem *Vive La France!*, omitting the last two verses.

This poem has always been a favorite of mine and I think the omission must be an oversight. I have not Dr. Holmes' poems here but, if memory serves, the omitted verses are as follows:

Pluck Conde's baton from the trench,
Wake up stout Charles Martel
Or find some woman's hand to clench
The sword of La Pucelle!
Give us one hour of old Turenne,—
One lift of Bayard's lance,—
Nay, call Marengo's chief again
To lead us! VIVE LA FRANCE!

Ah, hush! our welcome guest shall hear
But sounds of peace and joy;
No angry echo vex thine ear,
Fair daughter of Savoy!
Once more! The land of arms and art,
Of glory, grace, romance:
Here love lies warm in all our hearts;
God bless her! VIVE LA FRANCE!

Yours very truly,

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